Indonesia transition minerals governance research and engagement

Terms of Reference

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The Natural Resource Governance Institute (NRGI) is a not-for-profit group that supports informed and inclusive decision-making about natural resources and the energy transition. We seek a consultant who can support NRGI engagement on governance risks in the Indonesian transition minerals sector, especially through research, during July – December 2024.

Scope of Work

To support this work, we seek to hire a short-term mid- to high-level consultant with expertise in governance risks in the mining of transition minerals in Indonesia.

The consultant’s work will include:

- Research into the governance risks related to transition minerals in Indonesia (more precise focus to be guided by NRGI)
- Presentations of research findings – and other contributions as agreed with NRGI – in civil society workshop(s)
- Representation of NRGI in some limited civil society meetings in Jakarta
- Support to civil society workshop(s) organization
- Support NRGI coordination with Indonesian civil society organization partners

Deliverables will include the research report, presentation(s) of findings, contribution to coordination with partners and organization of workshops.
**Background**

The opportunities and challenges associated with the boom in demand for transition minerals (i.e. the minerals essential for clean energy technologies) has strong implications for Indonesia’s energy transition and represents a great economic opportunity for the country who is the leading global producer of nickel (37% of global production) – crucial for electric vehicle batteries and other clean energy technologies. Indonesia is also a major producer of tin (24% of global production), copper and bauxite.

Like several other mineral-rich countries, the Indonesian government has taken proactive steps to take advantage of Indonesia’s market power to accelerate value addition, including through the ban on exports of raw minerals and negotiation to develop processing facilities in collaboration with public and private partners.

More broadly, researchers, activists and communities have raised concerns that future surges in mineral activity can exacerbate dangerous patterns of negative environmental impact and harm to indigenous communities living near mine sites. Indonesian experts have also stressed that an increase in mining and mineral processing will not result in equitable economic benefits in the absence of a plan for broader socio-economic transformation.

Indonesia has a strong base of civil society organizations (CSOs) with expertise on mineral governance, human rights and environmental protection. The country is a member of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative.

**Qualifications**

Required:
- Knowledge about the Indonesian mining sector and the Indonesian civil society organizations working on it.
- Experience in research about the extractives sector and/or governance and anticorruption in Indonesia.
- Excellent and proven research and writing skills.
- Ability to undertake research in Bahasa Indonesia and English. Deliverable will have to be written in English.

Preferred:
- Workshop facilitation and networking skills.

**Availability**

We estimate the total assignment will require a maximum of 30 days of work. The assignment will take place from July to December 2024, with most of the days dedicated to research to be used in July-September. The civil society workshop should be organized in September-November. The final research report is expected to be delivered by the end of November 2024 latest.

There may be the possibility to extend the assignment depending on funding.

**Strong preference for candidates based in Jakarta** (in order to facilitate delivery of the scope of work)

**How to apply**

Please express interest to Matthieu Salomon ([msalomon@resourcegovernance.org](mailto:msalomon@resourcegovernance.org)), including:
- A short cover email explaining your interest in the assignment (max 2-3 paragraphs)
- Your CV (and samples of relevant research on the topic)
- Confirmation of your availability in July-December 2024 and preferred start date
- Two references and proposed fee for this work.

The closing date for applications is 10 July 2024. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, and a contractor may be appointed before the closing date.